

Amendments to the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) The combination of a first medical device and an adapter,
the combination comprising: An adapter of the type suitable for connection of medical
instruments or devices, said adapter comprising

a first medical device including a respiratory tube having an elliptical cross section;

an adapter including a body having a first end, a second end and a passage therethrough;
therethrough;

wherein said first end has an elliptical cross-section sized to connect internally to said
respiratory tube for connection of tubing having an elliptical cross-section, and said second end
has a cross-section that differs from the cross-section of the first end, wherein the cross-section
of the ends are perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of the body.

2. (Currently Amended) The combination ~~adapter~~ of claim 1 wherein said second
end has a circular cross-section for attachment of tubing.

3. (Currently Amended) The combination ~~adapter~~ of claim 1 further comprising
~~wherein~~ at least one raised rib disposed longitudinally around an external portion of said first end
for positioning of said respiratory tube ~~tubing~~ about said first end.

4. (Currently Amended) The combination ~~adapter~~ of claim 1 wherein said body
further comprises a wall member disposed substantially centrally between said first end and said
second end and includes a passage therethrough.

5. (Currently Amended) The combination of a first medical device and an adapter,
the combination comprising: An adapter of the type suitable for connection of medical
instruments or devices, said adapter comprising

a first medical device including a respiratory tube having an elliptical cross section;

an adapter including a body having a first end, a second end, a wall member disposed
substantially centrally between said first end and said second ~~end~~, and a passage
therethrough; therethrough,

wherein said first end has an elliptical cross-section ~~for connection of tubing of a first~~
~~type~~ and at least one raised rib disposed circumferentially around an external portion of said first
end for connection to said respiratory tube, and said second end has a circular cross-section for
attachment of another tube ~~tubing of a second type~~, wherein said cross-sections of the ends are
perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of the body.

6. (New) The combination of claim 5 wherein said another tube is part of a second
medical device.

7. (New) The combination of claim 5 wherein said passage gradually transitions
from said first end to said second end.

8. (New) The combination of claim 1 wherein said passage gradually transitions
from said first end to said second end.

9. (New) The combination of claim 2 wherein said tubing is part of a second medical device.